

OPEN CRUSADE TO MAKE C'S STREETS SAFE

District Government Will Recommend Traffic Court and More Rigid Statutes.

By BILL PRICE.

All the police power of the District government was today put into play to make the streets of Washington safer for human lives by diminishing traffic accidents.

Commissioner Brownlow, who has direct control of the police department, personally took charge of the situation and announced that there will not only be strict enforcement of traffic laws, but a campaign of education designed to arouse motorists and pedestrians to greater care.

To these there may now be added regulations against "jay-walking" in the streets, and the creation by Congress of a new police judge will be present in the "traffic court" in which nothing but traffic cases will be tried, and in which the judge and other officials will devote themselves wholly to efforts to reduce traffic accidents.

Commissioner Brownlow held an important conference with Conrad Syme, corporation counsel, and Major Pullman, Superintendent of Police. A short time later Major Pullman went into conference with all police captains, lieutenants and inspectors.

Each gathering had the same subject before it—namely, the sharp increase in street fatalities, due to traffic accidents, and the resolve was that the most strenuous efforts must be used to better conditions.

The Fifteen-Foot Rule.

In the regular morning bulletin to captains of the police department, Commissioner Brownlow directed that there must be the strictest possible enforcement of the rule that motorists must stop fifteen feet behind all street cars taking on or letting off passengers. He has directed that all persons arrested for this offense shall be held for the limit of collateral \$40.

Major Pullman declared this to be a most dangerous offense and largely responsible for many serious accidents. Police officers are asked to get as many witnesses as possible, "because the guilty person will frequently try to get out before the courts by contradicting the officer and claiming that he did not start his machine until after the street car had started."

Where the Blame Lies.

The almost unanimous opinion of these present at today's conference was that the main cause of traffic accidents is the driver.

1—Reckless driving on the part of motorists, with disregard of traffic laws.

2—Great carelessness on the part of public in crossing streets in any direction instead of at regular street crossings.

There are contributory causes that are well recognized, but the foundation trouble is located in the two mentioned.

Major Pullman said today that the unanimous opinion of police officials is that Washington pedestrians are 1,000 as "jay-walkers," thereby directly contributing to a large number of serious accidents.

Consideration is being given by the Commissioner to drawing a new police regulation that will make it an offense for pedestrians to cross streets at any other point than regular crossings. Some years ago such regulation was passed, but the police court knocked it out. Most of the cities of the country have anti-jay-walking laws and enforce them to advantage, it is stated.

Mr. Syme's assistant in the police court will urge the judges of that court to increase the severity of sentences for violation of traffic laws and notably so in cases of drivers of machines who have several times been arrested for speeding or reckless driving. It is believed that heavier sentences will do much toward minimizing dangers that are now menacing the community.

Most of the worst accidents occur outside the congested traffic centers of the city, Major Pullman said today. "In the congested districts of the city," he said, "the danger is less."

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COL. E. S. THEALL, of the United States marine corps, who lies in a serious condition in the Emergency Hospital today as the result of injuries received when struck by an automobile yesterday.



COL. THEALL, RUN DOWN BY AUTO, IN HOSPITAL

Condition of Marine Corps Officer Critical—Wife in New York Notified.

Col. E. S. Theall, United States marine corps, is in a critical condition today at the Emergency Hospital as the result of injuries received last night when he was struck by an automobile at Connecticut avenue and Bancroft place. Colonel Theall is suffering from a fractured skull, physicians at the hospital declared today.

The marine officer walked in front of the machine operated by Eugene Abadia, the police say, and was unconscious when picked up and hurried to the hospital in a passing automobile.

Mrs. Theall, who has been visiting in New York, has been notified of the accident, and is expected to arrive at her home, 1746 K street northwest, today.

ONE KILLED, MANY HURT IN TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

R. M. Rhine, Struck by Automobile, Dies At Freedman's Hospital.

One man was killed and several persons injured in traffic accidents yesterday and last night.

R. M. Rhine, thirty-seven years old, of 1901 Third street northwest, was struck by an automobile at Fourth and Q streets northwest, shortly after 9 o'clock last night and died a short time later at Freedman's Hospital.

The automobile, the police say, was operated by James T. Holmes, colored, 123 Temperance avenue northwest, and was going south on Fourth street when it struck Rhine. Holmes is being held by the police of the Eighth precinct for a coroner's jury, which will conduct an inquest this afternoon.

Five persons were injured yesterday afternoon when a train of the Washington, Baltimore and Annapolis railroad crashed into a street car of the Washington Railway and Electric Co. at Twenty-sixth street and Benning road.

The injured, all of whom were passengers on the street car, were Mary Augustine, forty-four years old, a rating, Pleasant, Md.; Walter Weaver, thirty-three years old, 640 L street northeast; William Finchum, ten years old, 105 Ridge road northeast; and Louis Hurwitz, eighteen years old, 450 R street northeast. They were taken to Casualty Hospital. Henry Lavender, fifty-five years old, 1513 Olive street, was injured, but refused hospital treatment.

The W. & A. train was a special train bringing hundreds of "fans" back to the city after the afternoon's sport.

BAKER TO PLAY TENNIS TILL SNOW CHASES HIM

Indications are that Secretary of War Baker, most inveterate tennis player in official Washington, will continue operations on the courts south of the White House until they are snowed under.

Each afternoon, moderate or chill, sunny or grey, Baker engages in a rating, singles or doubles contest with War Department companions.

From the windows of President Wilson's room a clear view of the courts can be obtained. It is said that Baker, who is tied with the Secretary of the Treasury and Senator-to-be Glass for short stature Cabinet honors, has so developed his game that there is not the slightest danger of its being a depressing influence to the Chief Executive.



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FIREMEN AND COPS JOIN D.C. CIVIC DRIVE

Applications for Citizen Association Membership May Be Made at Stations.

Fifty-five fire and police stations throughout the city today were designated recruiting stations for the "D. C. Organized Citizens' Association." Thousands of applications have been sent to these stations and every policeman and fireman is to become a "navvies" in the Washington Citizens' Association from 10,000 to 25,000.

This announcement was made today following a conference between Major Raymond W. Pullman, chief of police; Chief Frank J. Wagner, fire department; Jesse C. Suter, chairman of drive committee, and W. B. Westlake, chairman of downtown committee headquarters. During this conference the police and fire chiefs signed application blanks for membership in a citizens' association.

Persons wishing to join an association should apply at a police or fire station in their neighborhood and secure application blanks. At each station there will be some one on hand, twenty-four hours a day, to take applications for membership and give receipts for a year's payment of dues, required upon signing of application.

In every section there is a station convenient to every home and Washingtonians are asked to apply at these stations and join the steadily increasing number of citizens' association.

Many New Members.

Many prominent men are daily enrolled as members of associations, and numbers of these men have taken an active part in securing new members. Joseph Berberich, president of the Mechanics and Manufacturers' Association, has secured twenty-five members and has started on a second book. Howard Moran and John McNeil, prominent in the Mid-City Association, have each secured twenty-five to fifty members.

Employees of the Government Printing Office today heard William McK. Clayton appeal to them to join a citizens' association.

The Trinidad Association is holding a rally in the Northeast Temple, at Twelfth and H streets northeast at 8 o'clock tonight. Plans will be made for a meeting for a six-hour canvass of the entire Trinidad section, beginning at 9 o'clock Sunday morning, ending at 2 in the afternoon.

This association announces its intention of continuing the campaign for new members, even after the present drive ends next Monday. They say they will keep up the drive for a month. Next week a thirty-five piece band will play in a parade on the main thoroughfare.

South Washington Active.

The South Washington Association has been very active. George M. Yearman, president of the association, secured seventy-two members. This is one of the oldest associations in the District, being organized in the seventies.

Announces that this committee has been named to canvass that section of the city. Dr. B. W. Summy, George E. Russell, Charles H. Raub, Capt. George E. Ryan, Dr. Brown, Patrick O'Toole, Edw. W. Zea, H. I. Rothrock, William J. Simpson, Robert Klotz, J. Eldredge Burns, John T. Meany, Walter A. Gaffer, Dan McK. Clayton, William Shipman, Dr. William P. Herbet, Dr. Elmer Sotheron.

Browning's Concert Band will play from 7:30 tomorrow night in behalf of the drive. Several prominent men will be present to make four-minute speeches, telling of the present drive and its purpose.

More canvassers are needed to aid in the campaign. Persons wishing to volunteer their services are asked to communicate with W. B. Westlake, at room 501, District building.

William McK. Clayton, who is doing active work in the drive, offers this:

Pledge of Citizenship.

"A pledge every citizen's association member, new and old, should take and keep.

"Residents of the National Capital and the Constitution makes me a national citizen.

"As national citizen I bear no dual allegiance to State and nation, my loyalty is to nation alone.

"As national citizen of the republic I recognize the superior wisdom, God-fearing and law-abiding.

"To work for her material advancement, but supreme above that for her moral supremacy.

"I take my place in the ranks of organized citizenship resolved to do my part, that the National City becomes what the fathers dreamed she must become to perform her mission to the world.

"The super-city of America where government is acclaimed, law revered and God obeyed."

WILLIAM B. WESTLAKE, chairman of the downtown committee of the "D. C. Organized Citizens' Association" drive. Mr. Westlake is also president of the Federation of Citizens' Associations.



BRIGHTWOOD CITIZENS TO HAVE BIG MEETING

Amalgamated Associations Will Gather Tonight in First Session Since Merger.

One of the largest meetings ever held by the Brightwood Citizens' Association is expected tonight, when the consolidated organizations of the Brightwood Citizens' and the Brightwood Park Citizens' associations meet at the Emory Church, on Georgia avenue.

This will be the first meeting of the two associations since they merged two weeks ago.

Senator Lawrence V. Sherman of Illinois will be the principal speaker at the meeting. In addition to talks by members of the organization, the program will include musical numbers by W. C. Stump, Dr. Owen Penney, and Harry Hall.

The committee of ten of the Brightwood Citizens' Association, which was delegated to aid in the drive for "D. C. Organized Citizens' Association," has secured a large number of new members. The increased membership of the organization will necessitate larger quarters for its meeting rooms. Members of the association have been assured by officials of Stansbury Lodge, F. and A. M., now erecting a three-story hall on Georgia avenue, Brightwood, that the association may have the use of the building as a meeting place.

VISITING NURSES SEEK AUTO TO AID IN WORK

When is an automobile equal to a nurse?

The answer is, according to officers of the I. V. N. S., when it is at work for the visiting nurses. To prove their point, the society will ask all motorists to contribute to an "automobile fund" tomorrow, the Tag Day of the nurses.

An automobile added to the I. V. N. S. staff, it is explained, would enable nurses to answer more quickly calls from long distances, and so add the equivalent of one nurse's services to the efficiency of the I. V. N. S. in keeping folks well.

Special point was given to this request of the nurses for a car by an appeal which came to I. V. N. S. headquarters yesterday. A woman whose husband, Dr. Brown, Patrick O'Toole, Edw. W. Zea, H. I. Rothrock, William J. Simpson, Robert Klotz, J. Eldredge Burns, John T. Meany, Walter A. Gaffer, Dan McK. Clayton, William Shipman, Dr. William P. Herbet, Dr. Elmer Sotheron.

A nurse went out, attended the woman, saw that she needed assistance, and promised to watch over her. But the trip took most of Thanksgiving Day, since it had to be made by street car and on foot. An automobile would have meant a quicker response to the woman's need and an easier trip for the nurse.

M. E. CHURCH WILL NOT ASK BAN ON TOBACCO

The board of temperance, prohibition, and public morals of the Methodist Church will not join any effort to prohibit tobacco, the committee on public policy announced today.

The announcement is made in denial of a number of published statements which the committee declares to have been misleading and injurious.

Members of the board, of which Bishop William L. McDowell is president, say that while they believe tobacco harmful and will continue efforts to educate the public against its use, and prohibit its sale to minors, they recognize difference between tobacco and alcohol. The latter they declare responsible for most of the country's insanity, pauperism, and crime.

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TAXI COMPANY ASKS INCREASE IN D. C. FARES

Utilities Commission Receives Petition for Higher Rate for Trips Over One Mile.

An increase in rates of 10 cents per mile, after the first mile, is asked in a petition filed by the Terminal Taxicab Company with the Public Utilities Commission. The commission today set Monday, December 8, 10 o'clock, as the date for a public hearing to consider the request.

The petition asserts that since April 1, 1917, on which date the company voluntarily reduced rates, six raises, the last on November 1, have been granted chauffeurs. In view of the fact that labor and material costs have increased, and taxicab traffic has reduced considerably since the armistice was signed, the company says it feels the commission should grant relief to enable a reasonable return to be made on the investment.

Others May Follow.

This increase does not affect the passenger who rides one or a fraction of a mile. The present rate is 30 cents for the first mile, and 10 cents for every third of a mile thereafter, which totals 50 cents for the first mile and 30 cents for each mile following.

The company proposes to charge thirty cents for the first half-mile, and ten cents for the quarter miles thereafter, which totals fifty cents for the first mile, and forty cents a mile thereafter. The difference is ten cents a mile after the passenger has finished a one-mile trip.

If the commission should grant this increase it is very likely other taxi companies will see fit to increase their rates and ask the commission for permission. When the Terminal Company voluntarily reduced rates in 1917, no other company followed suit.

New Rate Schedule.

These are the new rates the company wants to put into effect: For the first half mile or fraction thereof, 30 cents; for each additional quarter a mile thereafter, 20 cents; additional per trip for each of the second and third quarters, 10 cents; additional charge for the fourth and fifth passengers.

Each four minutes' waiting time, 10 cents. Carrying small trunk or handbag in charge of driver, each place, 20 cents.

No charge for handbag or suitcases carried inside cars, not more than two pieces per passenger, not for children under seven years of age. Additional baggage, each piece, 20 cents. Per mile or fraction thereof for cars traveling empty outside of the dead mileage, 20 cents.

The boundary follows: Thirty-sixth and M streets northwest, in rear of Georgetown University; to Twenty-fifth and B streets; to Lovell's Park; to Massachusetts avenue; to Twenty-ninth and Cathedral; to Rock Creek; to Adams Mill road and Klinge road; to Twentieth and Spring road; to Rock Creek; to Chesapeake road and Park place; south of Soldiers' Home grounds; to North Capitol and Bryant streets; to Fourth and Bryant streets northeast; to Fifth and T streets northeast; to Montello avenue and Mt. Olivet road northeast; to Montello and Florida avenue northeast; to Fifteenth and H streets northeast, and to Fifteenth and M streets southeast.

Cars dispatched on calls and not used, 30 cents. For each mile or fraction beyond dead mileage boundary to point of call add to the above 20 cents.

MRS. ELIZABETH CAIN, who disappeared while on her way to Washington from Mt. Airy, Md., on November 15, and for whom her husband, Joseph W. Cain, is offering a reward of \$100.



CAIN OFFERS REWARD TO LOCATE HIS WIFE

Director of Dancing School Not Certain Spouse Met Foul Play.

Declaring himself balked in his search by the young woman's relatives, Joseph W. Cain, dancing school director at 1218 New York avenue, this morning offered a reward of \$100 for any information leading to discovery of the whereabouts of his wife and business associate, Mrs. Elizabeth Cain, who disappeared on her way from Mt. Airy, Md., to Washington, November 15.

Mrs. Cain, a bride of five months, went to her former home in Mt. Airy to draw money with which it was expected she would help her husband buy Rock Springs, a dining and dancing place near Glen Echo. She left Mt. Airy Saturday morning, November 15, as seen in the railway station in Baltimore, and disappeared.

"I was sure she had met foul play," said Mr. Cain today; "but from the manner in which her family is acting, I begin to wonder."

"A B. & O. conductor told me yesterday that he thought Beth came to Washington with him the day she disappeared."

"I wanted to offer a \$250 reward right away, and her mother told me not to do it. Since then she tells me she has engaged a private detective, and that I need not do anything."

"If it is true she does not want to come back to me, I won't try to make her do so."

Mrs. Cain, as Beth Hood, attended Strayer's business college, Ninth and F streets northwest. She taught school in Mt. Airy and Frederick, Md., and Gettysburg, Pa., and was active in the Maryland Grange.

She is 28 years old, five feet one inch tall, with dark hair and brown eyes.

WIFE OF SEVEN MONTHS QUILTS HOME AND BABIES

If Mrs. Hattie Scott, twenty-seven years old, formerly employed with her husband, William H. Scott, in the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, returns to her home at 31 M street northwest, she will find a welcome.

Three little girls, who have learned to call her mamma, are waiting with Mr. Scott. The Scotts were married seven months ago.

Wednesday, they overslept and were late to work. This meant, loss of a half day's time for the wife, who worked on an hour basis. She refused to enter the Bureau. The husband did so, but went home an hour later to find his wife had packed her trunk and gone away.

"She often said she would do so," he said this morning, "but I know she would not. I think if she sees this in the paper she will come back."

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Salary Increases Sought At Joint Board Hearing

Salary increases for men and women workers ranging from 60 to 100 per cent for the period between 1913 and 1919, and the establishment of women workers on a footing with men in skilled industry were advocated at the hearing today held by the joint Congressional Commission on reclassification of salaries.

Recommendations were made for the granting to these employees of the Government of an annual leave, which is to be regarded as a legal right instead of a privilege. Statistics were cited to show that thousands of employees had never received more than twenty days' annual leave, under the privilege system, while the average sick leave is seven days. Annual and sick leave combined average thirty-one days.

Hearing Room Crowded.

The hearing was held in one of the committee rooms in the Senate Office Building. The chamber was crowded with representatives of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing and the Government Printing Office.

Marsh A. Bodenhamer, president of the Columbia Typographical Union, and representative printer employed in the Government Printing Office, asked by a committee representing the printers Mr. Bodenhamer made the following recommendations for salary increases in the Government Printing Office.

The increases aggregate a total of 66.2-3 per cent over the salaries paid in 1915:

The recommendation called for these salaries: Public Printer, \$9,000 annually; Deputy Public Printer, \$4,750; works manager, \$6,000; assistant superintendent printing divisions, \$3,750; foreman of sections, \$3,250; assistant foreman, \$3,120; \$1.20 per hour; assistant to works manager foreman, supply men, copy editors, machinists, etc., \$1.10 per hour; compositor, keyboard operators, proofreaders, make-up men, copyholders, and plate men, \$1 per hour; apprentice printers, master men, etc., 65 cents per hour.

In conclusion the brief stated: It has been our endeavor in formulating this schedule of what we believe to be a fair wage for the different classes of employees in the printing trades in the Government Printing Office to work from cost to cost, point to another, certain point. We have for this reason taken 1913 as our base to begin with, working up to the present—November, 1919.

According to the monthly report of the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the Department of Labor, living costs in Washington since 1913 have increased slightly more than 100 per cent up to this time. Taking that as our cue, Clannahan, who was employed at all salaries or wages in the same time should not be less than 66-2-3 per cent, we thus giving the employer, in this case the Government, the benefit of 33-1-3 per cent; in other words, we divide the increase with our employer two-thirds and one-third in our endeavor to at least be fair."

Practice Discussed.

Discussion of affairs and practice, in force at the Government Printing Office occupied the major part of the morning session, Marsh A. Bodenhamer, president of the Columbia Typographical Union, representing the printers.

The commission freely discussed the apprentice system, which is not in vogue at the Government printing, but which is advocated by a report prepared for the commission. In dealing with this question the union printers' brief declared that it was a discretionary measure, but advocated that if such a system is instituted that every precaution be taken to assure proper training for the apprentices.

It was shown that the Government Printing Office does not afford the most ideal conditions for the training of apprentice printers. At the present time, Mr. Bodenhamer declared, there is only one apprentice printer in the service of the Government.

Mr. Bodenhamer in reading his brief objected in a measure to some titles.

Isaac P. Clannahan, fifty years old, of Maryland Park, Md., was instantly killed late yesterday afternoon by a locomotive at the Union Station.

Clannahan, who was employed at terminal, was riding on the front of the locomotive. On attempting to alight from the engine while it was in motion, he fell in front of it.

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Hamburg Steak, very best, lb. 18c	Plate Beef, lb. 10c	Beef Liver, 10c lb. 3 lbs. for 25c
Leg Genuine Spring Lamb, lb. 28c	Shoulders Spring Lamb, lb. 20c	Breast of Lamb, lb. 15c
Shoulder Chops, lb. 25c	Loin and Rib Chops, lb. 30c	
Wilson's Nut Oleo, lb. 30c	Armour's Nutola, lb. 30c	Fancy Creamery Butter, Pioneer Brand, 69c
April Eggs, extra fancy, doz. 57c	New Sauerkraut, quart. 15c	Fancy Grapes Fruit, 3 for 25c
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